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SUBJECT: SUGAR QUOTA PROBLEM

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1. FONMIN S.S. RAMIJAL RETURNED OVER WEEKEND AFTER ABSENCE OF ALMOST TWO MONTHS IN CONNECTION ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, OPENING OF UNGA AND NEGOTIATIONS IN DAR-ES-SALAAM, KINGSTON AND BRUSSELS ON CARICOM AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH EXPANDED EEC. AS SEPT AWARE, HE HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE THROUGHOUT IN WEST INDIES' EFFORTS ASSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO UK MARKET FOR ITS SUGAR.

2. RAMPHAL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE BUT PRIME MINISTER FOR SOME DAYS, BUT I WOULD EXPECT SEE HIM ROUTINELY BEFORE TOO LONG

TO GO OVER NUMBER DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS. IN

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ANTICIPATION SUCH DISCUSSIONS, WHICH BOUND TO INCLUDE SUGAR,

REQUEST ANSWERS ASAP TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT IS MAGNITUDE OF SHORTFALL UNDER SUGAR QUOTA IN 1973 FOR 1) BOLIVIA 2) PERU; (SINCE TECHNICAL VIOLATION WHICH WAS WAIVED FOR EACH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SIMPLY FAILURE NOTIFY US THAT SHORTFALL WOULD OCCUR AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 202 D 6, WE ASSUME THESE COUNTRIES IN FACT FAILED MEET QUOTA COMMITMENTS.)

B. DID BOLIVIA OR PERU, OR BOTH, SELL ANY SUGAR WHATSOEVER DURING 1973 IN OTHER MARKETS, SPECIFICALLY AT PRICES HIGHER THAN US PRICE AS HAS BEEN ALLEGED?

C. IF SO, HOW MUCH AND AT WHAT PRICE IN EACH CASE?

D. IF SO, WHAT WAS RATIONALE OF WAIVER OF SECTION 202 D 4 OF THE ACT IF IN FACT IT WAS WAIVED?

E. DID WISA INFORM USG THAT WEST INDIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER US QUOTA FOR 1973 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 202 D 6?

F. IF NOT, WHEN DID WISA FIRST DECLARE A DEFICIT FOR 1973?

G. IN EITHER CASE, WAS NEED MEET COMMITMENTS TO UK IN ORDER ASSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO THAT MARKET AFTER ENLARGEMENT OF EEC DISCUSSED CANDIDLY BY WISA WITH USG?

H. IF SO, WHAT WAS REACTION OF USG?

I. WHAT QUOTA MAY WISA EXPECT FOR 1974 NOW THAT CONTINUED ADVERSE WEATHER HAS INCREASED ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL FOR 1973 UNDER US QUOTA TO SOME 180,000 TONS?

3. SHALL ASK RAMPHAL IF OCT 20 NEW NATION EDITORIAL ACCURATELY REFLECTS ATTITUDE OF RULING PNC AND GOG.

4. MEDIA CONTINUING PLAY UP "US DECISION NOT TO BUY" WEST INDIAN SUGAR IN 1974 RATHER THAN WEST INDIAN FAILURE MEET ITS COMMITMENTS IN 1973 AND HOW MUCH WISA REALISTICALLY COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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